

Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2022

Board Members Present: Mary Ward, Jackie Oyer, Jane Cluff, Mike Seifert, Sandie Sing, Sheila Younkin
Absent: Sabra Stafford, Pat Portwood and Terri Shaver

Friends Present: Karina Mendoza, Brooks Judd, Chris Medina, Carmen Ingolls, Diane Gray

Call to Order: Mary called the meeting to order at 5:34

Minutes: The board agreed to approve the October minutes.

Reports

Morgan Stanley: Kelly McMurry, FOTPL's Investment Advisor, explained that our portfolio is down about 7%, which is actually very positive in this economy!

Treasurer: Mike reported the following for October:

Income:	2,135.48
Expenses:	10,524.06
Ck. acct./c.d./blding fund	201,929.19
Morgan Stanley	277,759.74
Grand total:	479,688.93

Mike suggested and moved that we open a money market checking account for the Library Present's funds; Sheila seconded and the board voted to approve.

Librarian: Karina shared recent events: Mystery Lover's Book Club, Monster Bookmarks, Webb Space Telescope, Building Challenge, Zombie Felt Teen Craft, Halloween Family and Scribble Art. Upcoming events are a Board Games Day, Mystery Lovers Book Club, Building Challenge and Family Storytime "Dinovember." Passport services will be launching on November 9th by appointment only.

Old Business

Library Presents: On behalf of Pat, Mary shared that the committee is meeting tomorrow to process the Jamie Ford event and plan for the next event. Tara Westover, author of Educated will be our guest speaker on April 16th and the Gallo will most likely be the venue. Also in April graphic novelists will present two programs geared for teens and costing about \$600.

Membership: Mary reported one membership renewal and four new memberships (three individuals and one family).

Farmer's Market: Brooks reported that the November 29th Farmer's Market was a success. All of the books were given away. He also expressed discomfort with having a donation jar at the table. A container for free children's books that enables browsing is needed. Brooks will evaluate supplies of small toys and Mary will reorder as necessary from Oriental Trading. We're all set to table on a monthly basis next year.

Website, Brochure, Business Cards: Mary, Sabra and Jane have started the process of gathering information and plan to share the prototypes at upcoming board meetings.

Signage: The sign for outside the bookstore arrived. Jackie explained that bookstore information is now on the digital sign with a big, orange arrow. Karina shared that people generally don't read signs.

New Business

Advocacy: Mary nominated Brooks to serve as Advocacy Board Member and Mike seconded.

Square Device: Mike used the device at the Jamie Ford event and felt it was very practical. He explored buying a wifi hotspot device, and they cost between \$200 and \$250. Instead of purchasing one, he suggested that we check one out from the library for our next Library Presents! event.

Shabazian Donation: Mary proposed forming a committee to prepare suggestions for how to utilize the money. Jackie, Sheila, Sandie and Diane volunteered. Karina explained that Mr. Shabazian was a daily library visitor and newspaper reader, and a newspaper subscription/s would be very appropriate.

Festival of Lights Christmas Parade: Mary asked if anyone was interested in tabling for the FOTPL on November 25th and December 2nd at downtown events.

Chess Club: Diane shared the possibility of starting a library Chess Club; a dedicated volunteer is required to supervise a monthly meeting, and she will email potential volunteers.

Next meeting: December 7, 2022 at 6:30 in the Community Room